containers in their factory premises for customs examination, subject to fulfilment of a few conditions;

(b) The facility has been extended with a view"to liberalising the procedure and reducing delays in the movement of inputs required for export.

Wasteful expenditure *an* stationery *in* Government Offices

UO. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government departments are making wasteful expenditure on the purchase of certain items of stationery and other articles, such as Tuffend table glasses instead of ordinary table glasses, costly writing pe.^s instead of ordinary pens, plastic coated gem clips rather than ordinary steel gem clips etc;

if-so, the reasons of this wasteful expenditure and the steps taken by his Ministry to direct all the Go. vernment departments not to waste the public money like ;his and

(c) whether Government propose to lay copy of the instructions issued if any in this rgard on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER. OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) (a) to (c) The Ministries: Departments of the Government of India have been delegated full powers under the Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1978, for purchase of locl.l petty stationery stores. Expenditure incurred in excess of Rs, 1 lakn per annum on the purchase of stationery etc. is required to be authorised with the concurrence of the Controller of Stationery.

'I he Ministries/Departments purchase stationery/stores as per their re. quirements. The authority purchasing MBW. NM-

stationery/stores has to ensure that the price of articles purchased is reasonable and consistent with the quality required.

Agitation by Bank employees regar. ding their pay scales and promotions

111. SHRI o. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bank employees and officers have been agitating over the delay in the revision of their pay scales, accelerated promotions, etc.;

0.0 if so_ the reasons for the delay and by when their grievances .'.,e likely to be redressed;

(c) whether the career prospeels of the clerks in the banking industry are far too inadequate and the clerks remain in the same state even after putting in more than ten years of service; and

(d) if so the reasons for this apathy and the steps taken to accelerate the promotions of the clerks?

THE MINISTER, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Indian Banks' Association has reported that the banks? employees have been agitating for various demands including early wage revision. IBA is seized of the matter and a few rounds of discussions for the VIth bipartite set [ ]ement have already been held. Wage negotiations are, however, by their very nature, a long and pro-tracted affair and- therefore, no time frame can be stipulated.

(c) and (d) It may not be correct to say that the career prospects of 'he clerks in the banking industry are inadequate. In fact; 75 per cent of the vacancies in the officers cadres of the public sector banks are filled by promotions from clariea?

cadre. Farther, meritorious candidates may get promotions even within a period of 4 to 5 yearn. However, many officials in the clerical cadres of the banks do not ope for promotions as this could subject them to Ail India transfer liability.

Strike by workers of Central Public

112. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN .MISHRA- Will the Minister of INANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of workers of Central Public Sector Industries have decided to strike work an July 14 to expres their *strong* resentment over the grave situation in the public sector undertakings; government's attitude to. wards PSUs as a whole;

(b) jf so: whethergovemment have received a memorandum from the Central Public Sector Trade Unions (CFSTU) in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of their demands and government'!! reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN The MINISTRY OF FINANCE 'SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR .MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will b_-laid on the liable of the House to *i\\e* extent available and permissible under the Rules.

Financial assistance provided by IDBI

113. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANBAN JAIN: Will the Min-. ter of FINANCE ba pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of appli] tions received by the Industrial 1 Developrnent Banks of India from 1: Gujarat and Maharashtra during last saree years, alongwith the number applications accepted and rejected eat it of them ana i,ae time consumer in this process; and

(b) the year-wise and unit-wise datails of financial assistance provid- i I to the industries in Gujarat and taharcshtra by the Industrial Deve- t opmsnt Bank of India during : -e same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN "J HE MINISTRY OF FINANCE -5.HRI M. V.. CHANDRASHEKHAR MJRTHY); (a) The details of the pl'eations for financial assistance f ceived sanctioned and rejected be.ring the last three financial years by ' the Industrial Development Bank India (IDBI) in respect of Guja-rat and Maharashtra are as under:

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Applications received	285	370	178
Applications sanctioned	201	297	138
Applications rejected/withdrawn	1	9	14

IDBI has reported that it normally disposes of the applications within three months when the applicaion is complete in all respects.